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SETTING UP OF TIME ZONES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether no immediate solution to the power crisis, the Centre is considering a proposal to have different time zones for the country as reported in the Business Line dated April 29, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which power shortage is likely to be managed in the country thereafter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : Presently, there is no such proposal under consideration to have different time zones for the country. In 1998, the then Advisory Board of Energy commissioned a study in this regard. The analysis indicated that the peak demand would drop by 1% if time zones were introduced in the then existing pattern of electricity consumption, which means a saving of 220 MW of power at that time. This saving was not found enough to justify the creation of time zones.